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## Reopening the Borough Building

By Don Pepe, Borough Manager

I want to share some thoughts with you regarding where the Borough is considering COVID-19 and our actions to protect our citizens and our staff.

First, I want to thank the general population for getting through these very difficult four (4) months with cooperation and consistent courtesy to others. Zelienople is a good place to be primarily because the people here are good people who care for one another. For this I am extremely grateful.

As you know, the Borough has taken measures to conform with the necessary guidelines and regulations that are important to deal with to contain the COVID-19 pandemic. These have been available to all on our

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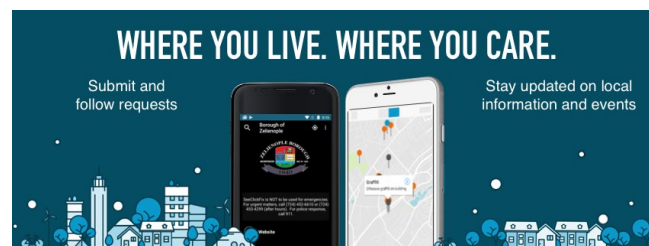
website and social media outlets. I am happy to say that to date we have been very successful and will continue to be diligent.

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## Zelienople Borough Launches SeeClickFix

The Borough of Zelienople has partnered with SeeClickFix to launch a new platform that enables residents to directly report issues and request Borough services. This new SeeClickFix app and web tool will greatly improve transparency, communication, and coordination among Borough personnel and citizens by allowing the citizen to interact using this technology to report non-emergency issues they uncover in the Borough such as potholes, graffiti, code violations, streetlight problems, downed tree limbs, and more. Once a request has been submitted, within 24 hours, the Borough will acknowledge the citizen, route the request to the proper Borough official, and provide updates to their citizens when the issue is closed.

Borough officials and staff believe this will help them uncover any issues that are needing resolve quicker and easier. SeeClickFix will help staff prioritize



The Zelienople Borough/SeeClickFix mobile app is available for download on any smartphone. Requests can also be submitted on the Borough website at [www.zelieboro.org](http://www.zelieboro.org) and [www.seeclickfix.com](http://www.seeclickfix.com).

projects and cut down response time by managing the requests that are coming in effectively. In addition, SeeClickFix platform provides Borough officials with a centralized issue management system to manage issues from creation to resolution, engaging Borough residents throughout the process.

With the free SeeClickFix mobile app and web tools, Borough residents and businesses can now Please see *SeeClickFix* on page 6

## Electric/Water Meter Upgrades



The Borough is in the process of upgrading its aging electric and water metering infrastructure, which in the future will eliminate the need for meter readers to come on a customer’s property for meter reads. In the coming months, the Borough’s contractor, Professional Meters Inc. (PMI) will be installing upgraded electric and water meters for all Borough utility customers. For outside meter upgrades there will be no

interruption of service. For water meters, which are typically located inside the home or business, the Borough’s contractor will need to enter the property and access the meter. The Borough’s contractor will schedule, at the customers convenience, these inside meter changes with utility customers. Due to the current health concerns, the contractor will follow all safety and personal protective equipment guidelines as required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania when entering a customer’s premises. And, all personnel will always have the appropriate identification on them for your safety.

The **Borough of Zelienople** is working with **Professional Meters Inc. (PMI)** to upgrade existing electric and water meters in your area as a step toward a more modernized metering system which will help the Borough to better manage its resources.

## Main Street Revitalization

*By Don Pepe, Borough Manager*

Phase II of the Main Street Revitalization project will begin shortly. The contractor is expected by early August to begin the work from Spring Street going south to Beaver Street.

The project consists of all streetscape work, utility underground work, and sidewalks just as in Phase I. This will be the second piece of the plan to upgrade utilities and beautify our Main Street Corridor. This project is set for both sides of main street, but we will work on one side at a time as we did in Phase I.

Of course, we will do our best to maintain an open dialog with citizens and business owners as well as minimize business interruptions during construction. If there are any questions, please contact the Borough Office at (724) 452-6610.

We are excited to continue this extensive project to insure Zelienople’s viability into the future.

**It's Not Too Late**



**You can still complete the census today.**

The Borough of Zelienople would like to encourage residents to complete the 2020 Census as soon as possible. It’s not too late to respond online at [2020Census.gov](https://2020Census.gov), by mail, or by phone at (844) 330-2020.

Census data directs critical funding for schools, hospitals, roads, services and other vital community needs for the next 10 years. It only takes a few minutes to complete.

## Zelienople Community Park News



The Zelienople Community Pool is now open to members and residents from the Zelienople, Harmony, Jackson, and Lancaster communities only. Proof of residency is required.

The Community Park Board would like to thank all of its residents and the surrounding communities as we adapt to the ever changing directives resulting from COVID-19.

We hope that the pool can provide some relief and enjoyment during these scorching days of summer.



After years of planning, the Zelienople Memorial Skate Park is finally complete.

## Zelienople Historical Society Needs Your Help

The summer of 2020 is like no other with the pandemic's impact on our community. We would like to capture how it has affected you and your family. Whether it's how your life has changed and how you are behaving differently, to any pandemic memorabilia you may have, we want to preserve these items as history is being made in Zelienople every day. Homemade masks, newspaper clippings, songs, crafts, journals, pictures, and memoirs are just a few possibilities. You can email information to [zeliehistory@zoominternet.net](mailto:zeliehistory@zoominternet.net) or drop your items off at our Passavant House office between 9 am and noon, Monday through Friday, anytime this summer.

**We also have virtual and live events slated this summer we think you would enjoy.**

**July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**, Steve Cicero, is doing *What's in a Name* virtual Zoom session on the origin of so many of the names of local sites and institutions.

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm**, we will be holding a *Zelienople Trivia Night* at the Passavant House Garden Gazebo. Whether you know a lot already or just want to learn, please join us.

**August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**, join us for *Sundae Sunday* and some good music.

**August 20<sup>th</sup> thru September 8<sup>th</sup>**, we are teaming up with Historic Harmony to *Hunt for History* in a joint scavenger hunt based on historical sites in our two communities. Hunt booklets can be picked up after August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Passavant House or Harmony Museum.

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## Come On In – The Library Is Open



The Zelianople Area Public Library re-opened to the public June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our hours have been revised to a temporary schedule of Monday and Wednesday 10 am to 5 pm,

Tuesday

and Thursday 12 pm to 7 pm, Friday 10 am to 7 pm, and Saturday 10 am to 5 pm. Wearing a face covering is required when visiting the Library (with the exception of those with a medical condition that precludes wearing a face covering, and children under 2 years of age). Please practice social distancing while visiting the Library. Our bookdrop is open for returns and patrons may visit the Library in person to select and check out materials. Also for those folks who prefer not to enter the Library, a curbside pickup service of requested Library materials continues to be offered. To arrange for this service, simply call us at (724) 452-9330.

We continue to offer a wide variety of resources for our patrons both in person and online. This year's summer reading program, "Imagine Your Story," includes utilizing the award-winning educational resource Beanstack for online record keeping of yours and your children's minutes read, and allows participants to earn raffle tickets and coupons. To set up an account for your family go to <https://zelianoplelibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>. An adult must create the account and then you can add as many readers under the same account and password as needed.

Additional virtual Summer Reading activities such as storytimes and other activities for all members of the family are being provided on our Facebook page at the listed times below—Check them out!

### **Monday:**

- 10 am – First and Second Grade Book Club
- 11:15 am – Third and Fourth Grade Book Club
- 1:00 pm – "Imagine Your Story" for Teens, an online discussion of current topics with guest speakers.

**Tuesday:** Imagination Station Story time for ages 0 to 2 premiers on Facebook on Tuesday at 11 am.

**Wednesday:** 11 am – Imaginary Adventures for Ages 3 to 5.

**Thursday:** 11 am – "Imagine You are A Scientist" with STEM activities for ages 6 to 12 on Facebook The program end date is August 8, 2020.

We continue to offer downloadable eBooks and eAudios through Overdrive and the Libby app. Checkout our website for links to Libby and other eResources like Mango Languages. Our Ancestry.com Library Edition is now available remotely. If you have an active Zelig Library patron account, simply call us for the password and then follow the link on our website. Wi-Fi is available throughout the Library building and also from our parking lot for your use when the Library building is closed. Call us for the Wi-Fi password.

We are available for all your reference and information needs at (724) 452-9330. You can also visit our website [www.zelianoplelibrary.org](http://www.zelianoplelibrary.org). Check out our videos on navigating our library website, using the library's online catalog remotely, placing holds for requested materials, and how to download eBooks and eAudiobooks. Our website also offers a link to "Chat with a Librarian" a 24/7 PA Librarian reference chat service.

Please continue to check our website and Facebook page for updates about scheduled virtual and in person activities. Unfortunately, two of our popular fundraisers, the Wine Walk in Harmony and Zelig on Tap have been cancelled for 2020. Continue to look for updated information about other fundraisers and events such as our annual speaker series, *Zelianople Library Presents* as the year progresses. We hope we may be able to host one or two of these events this fall; again, we will provide updated information on our Facebook page as we go forward. If any of the speaker series events are postponed until 2021, already purchased tickets will be honored. Also, our Centennial Celebration was postponed from July 25<sup>th</sup> to October. We will keep our fingers crossed we will be able to hold this outdoor event this year. If not, it will be held in the summer of 2021.

## Harmony Fire District: July 2020 Newsletter



2020 has been a difficult year for everyone and the Harmony Fire District is no exception. As many are aware, the annual vehicle raffle was cancelled out of an abundance of caution, as well as many other events such as fire prevention events and our annual open house. The members of the District have spent a substantial amount of time staffing our station, cleaning, disinfecting, and training as much as feasible during this time in order to ensure a better, safer, and cleaner response to calls for help.

Cancelling these types of events was not an easy decision to come by as it effects our organization in multiple ways. It is important that the community knows we enjoy the interaction with the community during these events. We feel it is an important way for us to connect with different residents and businesses and allow us to show our equipment in ways that we otherwise would not. In addition, there is the financial impact of these decisions. Events such as the car raffle are a major portion of our budget

each year. The District and the Auxiliary are exploring other means of conducting raffles in order to help offset our losses. We are committed to finding new avenues for fundraisers and will be sharing information on our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages as they become available.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the community for the support we have received. Every time we have a need, the community responds. Last year we experienced significant flooding in the area and you all responded fast, and with abundance. This year, again, you responded with food when our members needed it, masks when we asked for them, and supplies we desperately needed. It gives us great pleasure to have the community support that we do. We want to thank each of you for continuing to rise to any occasion and help the Fire District and each other.

Harmony Fire District

[www.harmonyfire22.org](http://www.harmonyfire22.org)

@harmonyfire22 – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter

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### *Reopening from page 1*

The Borough's physical office has been closed to normal general people traffic these last months, but all services have been maintained through appointment, remote access, safe staff scheduling and other ways to insure services are maintained at a high level. We are intending to reopen the building to more public traffic very soon as we get the remaining actions in place to allow us to do so. The fully outlined reopening plan is available on our website and social media as well and it explains all the details on how we are proceeding. Also note that the changes are not all due to COVID-19 but are suggestions and requirements for general safety and security.

Borough Council has been meeting remotely during this time, but had their first in person public meeting on June 29, 2020 with remote access still in place for

everyone. This is important because there is a limitation on the number of people that can be present, and these restrictions will be maintained. Our intention is to continue with in person meetings if it is possible to do so barring any unforeseen issues that may cause this to be reevaluated.

Please know that there is a new normal that we must accept. But also know that it does not reduce our commitment to our citizens and our businesses in town to provide the best public services that we can for Zelianople.

I thank you all and if there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. In the meantime, stay safe and please see our website and social media for all updates.

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Your generosity makes ALL the difference!

Glade Run serves thousands of youth in our schools and communities. Many families lack the resources to provide these basic items that will enable their children to be successful in school. If you can help by providing any of these items, please contact Glade Run Foundation.

**Help the kids at Glade Run get ready for school by providing any of the following items:**

**School Supplies Needed:**

- ✓ Journals/Composition Books
- ✓ Color Pencils
- ✓ Pens & No. 2 Pencils
- ✓ Crayons
- ✓ Washable Markers
- ✓ Highlighters
- ✓ Pencil Boxes
- ✓ Construction Paper (all colors)
- ✓ Backpacks
- ✓ Notebooks
- ✓ 3-Ring Binders (all sizes)
- ✓ Index Cards (3 x 5, 4 x 6)
- ✓ Glue Sticks
- ✓ Small White Boards w/markers
- ✓ Dry Erase Markers & Erasers
- ✓ Paints (finger, tempera & poster)
- ✓ Paint Brushes & Paint Cups
- ✓ Poster Board (all colors)
- ✓ Accordion Folders
- ✓ Pocket Folders
- ✓ Wall Calendars / Planners
- ✓ Clipboards for Kids

**Personal Items Needed:**

- ✓ Stress Balls / Fidget Cubes & Spinners
- ✓ Water Bottles
- ✓ Nerf Footballs / Sports Balls
- ✓ Kleenex / Clorox Wipes
- ✓ Hand Sanitizer
- ✓ Hygiene Items (Toothbrush & paste, Deodorant, Shampoo, Body Wash, Comb)
- ✓ Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Giant Eagle, Aldi)

**Please bring donated items by Friday, August 14 to:**  
Glade Run Lutheran Services, Administration Building Lobby  
30 Glade Run Drive Zelienople, PA 16063

For more information, contact Cheryl Martin at 724-452-4453 x1277 or by email at [cmartin@gladerun.org](mailto:cmartin@gladerun.org).



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provide Borough staff with pictures, videos, descriptions, and locations to report and track issues with ease. This is valuable information needed to get the job done efficiently.

Download the  
*SeeClickFix* App for  
Zelienople Borough  
today!



Please be advised, *SeeClickFix* is **NOT** to be used for emergency services. To report an emergency issue during regular business hours (Monday–Friday, 8 am to 5 pm), you must call the Borough Office at (724) 452-6610. On weekends and after regular business hours, call the emergency/after hours number at (724) 453-4299. For police response, call 911.

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Event registration is required. Donations are appreciated at ZHS with our primary fundraisers cancelled.

We welcome *new members* who would like to learn about and share the history of our town, help us care for our museums, hold community events or maintain our gardens. Visit our website at [zeliehistory.org](http://zeliehistory.org) and our Facebook page for additional information. Please contact us with any questions you may have.